

Peer Solutions was founded in 1996 with a mission: To mobilize students, schools, families and communities to cultivate **SAFETY**, **EQUALITY** and **RESPECT** (**SER**) as norms.

**STAND & SERVE** was developed by Peer Solutions and piloted in 1997 at Tempe High School with support from the Arizona Department of Health Services. S&S members are provided with tools and opportunities to unite their schools, families and communities to define their own issues and design, implement and evaluate their own permanent solutions. S&S Activities include:

- 1. Weekly Peer Led **S&S High School Meetings** at North (2) and Camelback High Schools in Phoenix and Marcos De Niza and Tempe High Schools in Tempe. Meetings are held during lunch and afterschool.
- 2. Weekly S&S Middle School Peer Facilitated Workshops for elementary and middle school students from all Tempe Middle Schools and William T. Machan K-8 in Phoenix. Meetings are held after school in Tempe at Westside Community Center and at Machan in Phoenix.
- **3.** Weekly **S&S Peer Education Training** including planning, service projects and school and community outreach. Meetings are held weekly at Westside Community Center and open to all secondary and post-secondary students.
- **4.** Monthly, Peer Led **S&S Coalition Meetings**: Members developed **THE GUTS TO BE GOOD (G2BG)**, five things we can all do to make this world a better place. 1. The Guts to be Respectful, 2. The Guts to be Courteous, 3. The Guts to Speak-Up, 4. The Guts to be Honest and 5. The Guts to Lend a Hand. Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at the Burton Barr Phoenix Library. Everyone is welcome. Meetings are year round.
- **5. S&S Summer Program** Peer Solutions hosts wide variety of activities during the summer including an 8 week peer education program for elementary and middle school students facilitated by secondary and post-secondary students two days per week during June and July at Westside Community Center. Peer Educators meet twice per week through the summer for training, planning and curriculum development.
- **6. On-going** bi-annual S&S Days at the Capitol, evaluation, media attention, campus outreach including: staff memos, announcements, lunch time activities and articles in school papers, end of the school year celebration, community potluck, SPEAK UP Workshops to Prevent Gun Violence, Facebook/Social Media, creation of a Zine, facilitation at local and national conferences and service projects include supporting shelters for homeless children and families, community murals and gardens, MLK Celebrations, Tempe Tardeada and Unity Walks.

STAND & SERVE is a leader in creating a culture of respect and equality among youth by teaching and encouraging them to be leaders and mentors to their peers. S&S is teaching students how to take charge and transform difficult and challenging situations into positive ones and make a difference in their lives and others. Senator David Lujan, Peer Solutions Board Member/Principal at ASU Preparatory Academy 10-23-2012

## Highlights:

- 1. Peer Solutions facilitates weekly activities with students and staff from 18 schools with the support of 47 community and 10 funding partners reaching approximately 30,000 individuals annually.
- 2. Partners: Arbitrary Arts, AZ Department of Economic Security, AZ Department of Health Services, AZ Legislature, Arizona Governor's Office, Arizonans for Gun Safety, AZ Music Union, AZ Republic Charities, Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association, ASU, ACF/Summer Youth Program Fund, Century Link, Children First Academy, Cities of Tempe and Phoenix, Crescent Ballroom, Circle the City, Desert Club, Dominos, Duck and Decanter, Empact/La Frontera, Green, GLSEN, Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council, Harvest food donations, Joshua's Hope, Kaity's Way, Made, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, NAMI, Noble Beast, Natures Garden, Northland Family Help Center, One-n-Ten, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, Saint Mary's Food-bank, Starbucks, Stinkweeds, Trust, Tumbleweed, UMOM, Valley Permaculture Alliance, Wavelab, Westside Community Center and Wilson-Ellertson community garden.
- 3. We are now implementing, in partnership with the Governor's Office, local and statewide prevention education trainings with school staff, students and families dealing with issues related to Traumatic Brain Injury including suicide, depression and violence. We focus on prevention and healthy transitioning.
- 4. **2014 City of Tempe Diversity Award winners!** 2014 City of Tempe Diversity Award Winners- Constance Kennedy, Darryl St Yves and Dania Simpson ♥ S&S has won this award for 14 years. http://tempe.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\_id=2&clip\_id=1498
- 5. In the News, Links and Publications:
  - \$ STAND & SERVE is a best practice! <a href="http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/saam\_2014\_best-practices-for-engaging-youth-as-partners.pdf">http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/saam\_2014\_best-practices-for-engaging-youth-as-partners.pdf</a> 4/2014
  - X Domestic Violence Prevention Month Marcos HS <u>www.schooltube.com/video/bddeb8a087bc418b8ad9</u> **10/21/13**
  - **S&S Day at Cap**, <a href="http://www.kpho.com/story/23664466/valley-students-stand-up-to-domestic-violence">http://www.kpho.com/story/23664466/valley-students-stand-up-to-domestic-violence</a> 10-10-2013
  - X NSVRC National Publication: STAND & SERVE Highlight. <a href="http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-guides/engaging-bystanders-prevent-sexual-violence-guide">http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-guides/engaging-bystanders-prevent-sexual-violence-guide</a> 10-2-1013
  - X National Sexual Assault Conference August 2013 Plenary with Jacob Chevalier and Workshop with STAND & SERVE Members <a href="http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/calcasa/13/index.cfm?pid=405">http://www.calcasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/NSAC-2013-Session-Schedule.pdf</a>
  - X The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault Youth Development Webinar, <a href="http://svfreenyc.org/event\_1706.htm">http://svfreenyc.org/event\_1706.htm</a> I July 2013 Eli Chevalier & Jennifer Rauhouse
  - X National Library Week April 2013 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOmgelZTI9Q
  - Revent Connect Peer Learning http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/04/peer-learning-forum-1/ 4/2013
  - \$\frac{\chittp://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/20130411season-sharing-money-raised.html, April 15, 2013
  - \$\frac{\text{http://ktar.com/22/1618142/Valley-dogooders-may-get-free-sandwich, March 15, 2013}}{\text{http://ktar.com/22/1618142/Valley-dogooders-may-get-free-sandwich, March 15, 2013}}
  - \$\frac{\text{http://ktar.com/22/1618100/Stand--Serve-event-held-at-Arizona-capitol, March 14, 2013}}{\text{http://ktar.com/22/1618100/Stand--Serve-event-held-at-Arizona-capitol, March 14, 2013}}
  - **STAND & SERVE Summer Program Intern Spotlight –** Addie Larson, Thank you! 7-2012 <a href="http://www.knox.edu/news-and-events/news-archive/summer-internship-spotlight-addie-larson.html">http://www.knox.edu/news-and-events/news-archive/summer-internship-spotlight-addie-larson.html</a>
  - **X** Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. 12-2011 Four S&S Members are highlighted. http://www.wcsap.org/youth-led-prevention
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  - Phoenix Today- Sunday Morning Radio JoAnn Del-Colle, ED of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, and Jennifer Rauhouse, discuss Relationship Violence Prevention in February and in October 2011. Hear the shows here: <a href="http://phoenix.gov/citygovernment/phx11/programming/phoenixtoday.html">http://phoenix.gov/citygovernment/phx11/programming/phoenixtoday.html</a>
  - Recipe For Prevention S&S is featured in the May 2011 Recipe for Prevention from the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance.
  - X Community Tool Box- S&S Highlighted a Community Innovator 5-2011 http://ctb.ku.edu/en/out\_of\_the\_box/finalists/communityinnovatorStandandServe.aspx

"The best investments are those that transform the lives of future generations. That is why I believe in STAND & SERVE. STAND & SERVE and its companion initiative, The Guts to Be Good, are paying it forward every day by creating teen mentors that cultivate respect, courage and compassion in schools throughout the Valley. There is no better way to invest our time and resources and receive the highest return." Senator Michele Reagan 3-9-2013

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